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1. WE WISH TO COMMEND MISSION'S EFFORTS TO STEER SPC TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF USEFUL CSCE PAPER DEALING WITH PUBLIC OPINION. PAPER IS BASICALLY WHAT WE WANT AND WILL PROVE HELPFUL IN OUR WORK WITH CONGRESS AND PRESS HERE AS HELSINKI SUMMIT APPROACHES.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BELGIAN PAPER HAS BEEN LAID ASIDE IN FAVOR OF CANADIAN PAPER THAT WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN. WE LIKE
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BELGIAN THOUGHTS EXPRESSED IN PARAGRAPH 2, REF (B), THAT

WHILE CSCE IS USEFUL STEP IN DETENTE PROCESS, IT MUST BE
REGARDED IN PERSPECTIVE OF TOTAL PROCESS, AND THAT
IMPORTANCE OF CSCE IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO HOW CONFERENCE
CONCLUSIONS ARE CARRIED OUT IN PRACTICE. YOU SHOULD
PARTICULARLY ENSURE THAT SPC PAPER MAKES CLEAR THAT CSCE
IS NOT REGARDED AS AN END IN ITSELF, BUT AS A BEGINNING OF
A PERIOD IN WHICH THE ALLIES WILL MEASURE THE OVERALL

SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE BASIS OF THE STANDARDS
SET FORTH IN CSCE TEXTS. WE BELIEVE THAT A MAJOR THRUST
OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON CSCE SHOULD BE THAT THE CONFERENCE
RESULTS MUST BE REGARDED LESS AS AN ACHIEVEMENT THAN AS
A BENCHMARK AGAINST WHICH FUTURE ACHIEVEMENT IN DETENTE
CAN BE MEASURED.

4. MISSION MAY INDICATE US APPROVAL OF FRG-DANISH PAPER
SUBJECT TO REVIEW OF CANADIAN PAPER AND INCLUSION OF
THOUGHTS IN PARA 2 ABOVE. INGERSOLL

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